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Libya and Egypt Put Border Units On 'High Alert'

By Bernard Gwertzman... WASHINGTON — Administration officials have disclosed that Libya and Egyptian forces have been placed on "high alert" along their common border...

U.S. officials said they still lacked any evidence to demonstrate that Libya was involved in the assassination of Gen. Nimeiri...

It was the Sudanese and Egyptian concern about a possible Libyan invasion of Sudan that prompted Mr. Sadat to send Vice President Hosni Mubarak to Washington last weekend to seek additional U.S. support...

Rally 'for Peace' Points Up Deep Split in Schmidt Party

By John Vinocur... BONN — One of the organizers of a demonstration "for peace" that was held here on Saturday...



Helmut Schmidt

Despite the chancellor's disapproval, about a quarter of the Social Democrats in the parliament have signed statements backing the demonstration...

Nonviolence Urged... [Mr. Schmidt, in an address Friday to parliament on the eve of the demonstration, urged nonviolence and called on the Soviet Union to slow its deployment of nuclear rockets in Europe...



President Reagan reads a statement in honor of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat at the White House in the company of the three former presidents representing him on the U.S. delegation at the Egyptian leader's funeral in Cairo.

Israel Hopes to Speed U.S. Military Accord

By Drew Middleton... TEL AVIV — Israeli leaders hope that the assassination of President Anwar Sadat will impel the United States to speed agreement on the broad military cooperation that Israel has proposed...

leaders, the United States would finance expanded production of the Israeli Merkava tank in exchange for the use in emergency of the tanks and other equipment for a full armored division that would be pre-positioned in Israel.

ing the basis for rapid U.S. reaction to Soviet moves. For both military establishments, possible Soviet intervention in Iran is seen as the gravest danger to the region's stability.

in three days and Kuwait in 36 hours. Senior Israeli officials estimate that, with ground and air resources positioned in Israel, Rapid Deployment Force units from the United States could be in Iran in 48 hours.

Extensive Cooperation... The Israeli proposals, which were put to President Reagan and Defense Secretary Casper W. Weinberger by Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, were said to call for extensive cooperation in the deployment of U.S. land, sea and air forces in the Middle East.

Discussion of the proposals here pointed to two serious differences between Israeli and U.S. strategic thinking on Southwest Asia. As the Israelis interpret Washington's military approach, the strategy is designed to meet and defeat Soviet aggression in the region after it has begun.

With Israel as a base, a senior military source said, U.S. forces could reach Saudi Arabia overland in three days and Kuwait in 36 hours.

Mr. Mubarak talked for 40 minutes with Mr. Begin at his heavily guarded home in Heliopolis on the outskirts of Cairo, and Israeli sources said later the two leaders spent most of the time reassuring each other of their commitment to pursue the peace process and normalization of relations.

Discussions of the expected benefits, senior Israeli officials said that, under the proposals by their

attack was claimed by the "General Command of al-Aassa forces" in an anonymous phone call to news agencies in Rome and Beirut.

Police said Mr. Abu Sharar was in Rome for an international conference of Palestinian writers, journalists and intellectuals. The conference observed a minute of silence for him Friday, a PLO spokesman said.

Police had first said the dead man blew himself up while working on a plastic explosive bomb. The explosion ripped through Mr. Abu Sharar's room in the Hotel Flora at about 1 a.m., police said.

Egypt Assures U.S. and Israel Of Peace Policy

By David B. Ottaway... CAIRO — President-designate Hosni Mubarak of Egypt held his first meetings Friday with foreign leaders arriving here for the funeral of President Anwar Sadat, and he assured U.S. and Israeli delegations that he intended to faithfully pursue the policy of his assassinated predecessor.

Nationalists Invited to Visit China

By Christopher S. Wren... PEKING — China pressed its new campaign for reconciliation with Taiwan Friday by inviting the top leaders of the island's Nationalist Party to return to the mainland to visit their ancestral homes.

Taiwan Rejects Idea As 'Another Joke'

[Government spokesman James Soong laughed off Friday's invitation as "another joke" but warned of an ulterior motive. "Their motive is apparently not peace or reunification which they know cannot be achieved so long as the China mainland is under Communist rule. It's more likely that they are preparing for attacking us," UPI quoted him as saying.]

A Mainland First

The anniversary of the 1911 revolution had been celebrated until now on Taiwan as a Nationalist holiday. It is being officially observed on the mainland for the first time in the 32 years since the Communists took power.

The Peking leadership has recently been paying effusive tribute to Sun Yat-sen, who died in 1925, hailing him as a visionary who led the way to revolution.

In the speech, Mr. Hu extended the invitation to Chiang Ching-kuo, Taiwan's president, and the widow of Chiang Kai-shek, along with a dozen other prominent Nationalists. He said they could visit without worrying about safety or incurring any obligation.

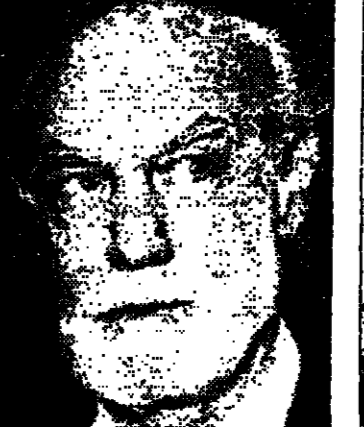
2 Americans, Swede Share Nobel Award for Medicine

STOCKHOLM — Two Americans and a Swede working in the United States on Friday won the 1981 Nobel Prize in Medicine for analyzing the way the human brain interprets and utilizes signals from the outside world.

Breakthrough in Research... Their discoveries represent a breakthrough in research into the ability of the brain to interpret the code of the impulse message from the eyes, the Karolinska Institute citation said.



David H. Hubel



Roger Sperry



Torsten N. Wiesel

"Roger Sperry is a truly great man. He has made tremendous contributions in his field," Caltech President Marvin L. Golberger said.

Mr. Sperry's work maps the two halves of the brain and shows how different functions are controlled in separate regions, opening the way to predicting the results of brain damage.

They proved "that the brain is not a computer," a Karolinska professor said. "It has its own special characteristics and we can now begin to build new models of the brain."

INSIDE Iran's President

Ali Khamenei, who was installed on Friday as the president of Iran, is the archetype of the hard-line mullahs who have come to dominate the Islamic Republic's government, its judiciary and parliament. Page 5.

Sears Buys Firm

Sears, Roebuck will buy the brokerage firm of Dean Witter Reynolds for \$607 million. Page 11.

To Our Readers

Because of a temporary work stoppage by French mechanical unions, normal distribution of the first edition of Friday's International Herald Tribune to some areas was disrupted.

WEEKEND Hail Wodehouse

With sales of his books estimated between 20 and 30 million, P.G. Wodehouse is the most widely read humorist — and arguably the funniest — since Mark Twain. Now his fans on both sides of the Atlantic are preparing to celebrate the centennial of his birth. Page 7W.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Arafat Indicates Chinese Reticence on Arms

PEKING — Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat said Friday night that his talks with Chinese leaders had been a success but indicated he had not been offered large-scale arms supplies.

Troops Subdue Street Riots in Venezuela City

CARACAS — Venezuelan troops have taken control of the western city of Merida after two days of street riots, government officials said Friday.

U.S. Says Russia Pushes Disinformation Drives

WASHINGTON — The Soviet Union has increased its efforts to win influence around the world with the use of so-called disinformation campaigns and forged documents with the playing down of Marxist-Leninist philosophy, a U.S. State Department report claimed Friday.

U.S. Says Nicaragua Threatens Its Neighbors

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. — The United States charged Thursday that Nicaragua continues to "pump arms" into El Salvador and to build its own forces into a threat to its Central American neighbors.

Karpov Wins 3d Game in Chess Tournament

MERANO, Italy — The world chess champion, Anatoli Karpov of the Soviet Union, advanced halfway to retaining his title Friday as he beat Victor Korchnoi for the third time in their championship series.

3 Bombs Cause Extensive Damage in N. Ireland

BELFAST — Three bombs exploded in Northern Ireland on Friday causing extensive damage, but warnings were given in each case and no one was injured. Police blamed the Provisional Irish Republican Army for the attack.

Solidarity Plans Criticized, But Optimism Is Expressed

WARSAW — The Communist Party daily newspaper Trybuna Ludu expressed cautious optimism Friday over the outcome of Solidarity's national congress, but it criticized the union's program as too broad.

U.S. Firms Found To Have Accepted Arab Trade Ban

WASHINGTON — More than 1,400 U.S. companies went along with Arab demands during the 1960s and 1970s aimed at enforcing a trade boycott of Israel, according to an article in a coming issue of The Nation magazine.

Czech Criticism

PRAGUE (AP) — The Solidarity program adopted at the trade union congress in Gdansk is aimed at "progressively taking over power in the state," a Czechoslovak daily said Friday in a continuation of attacks on the Polish union.

Egypt Reportedly Consulted CIA On Plot Uncovered 3 Weeks Ago

By Robert C. Toth

WASHINGTON — Egyptian security forces uncovered an assassination plot against President Anwar Sadat at least two weeks before his murder and consulted with the CIA on how to handle it, American intelligence sources say.

Two groups of conspirators were arrested, and Egyptian officials believed they had eliminated the danger, an assumption that obviously was not correct.

When the plot was first discovered, there were extensive discussions between the CIA and Mr. Sadat and his security forces, the sources said Thursday.

Potential Source of Plots Mr. Sadat probably knew about the plot when it was uncovered and approved the way his security men handled it.

Initial discovery of the plot against his life came about the time of the expulsion from Egypt of the parliament members.

Protest Shows Split in Bonn

(Continued from Page 1)

support from the parliament members, is an illustration of the deep divisions in the party.

The official Democratic chairman, Willy Brandt, has followed a vague course in discussions about the demonstration, denying Mr. Schmidt full support while brushing close to saying he sympathizes with the marchers.

Schmidt Worries But Mr. Schmidt believes that the party is losing its traditional voters, and he cites as evidence the severe defeats suffered by the Social Democrats in municipal elections in Lower Saxony two weeks ago.

This is the party of factory and office workers," Mr. Schmidt said at a meeting last weekend.

In an accusation aimed at Mr. Brandt, although he was not named, Mr. Schmidt said the party had failed over the last months to provide the necessary outlet for the people's concerns about peace.

"The Camp David agreements, the peace treaty, everything we agreed to — normalization — we will continue on this line exactly, without wavering," Mr. Brandt said.

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Mubarak Is Moving Forcefully in Egypt, But Many Questions Remain Unanswered

By Edward Cody

CAIRO — Despite reassuring pledges of continuity with the policies of his assassinated predecessor, President-designate Hosni Mubarak remains a largely unknown quantity whose sudden ascent to the leadership of Egypt

seemed to find it natural for Mr. Mubarak to appear on television to announce Mr. Sadat's death. He had long been groomed by Mr. Sadat and was frequently seen at the president's side during public appearances.

As vice president, Mr. Mubarak earned a reputation as a strong advocate of firm security measures and as a close friend of Egyptian security and military commanders.

Although he has unflinchingly worked to advance the Camp David policies, Mr. Mubarak has never become strongly identified with them. Some reports — vehemently denied — have suggested he disagreed with Mr. Sadat on some points.

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NEWS ANALYSIS

raises troubling questions about the huge U.S. strategic investment here and about the future of Egypt's relations with Israel.

Mr. Mubarak has labored for a dozen years in the shadow of Anwar Sadat, faithfully and almost always silently carrying out policies decided by the president.

"We have seen him a lot," said a Cairo businessman, "but we don't know who he is or what he will do."

The questions are particularly important in a country where one-man rule is a long tradition; it is a tradition that was followed with gusto by Mr. Sadat. The questions also seem unusually pertinent for Americans, since Washington is backing Egypt with the largest economic aid program in the world and a \$3.5-billion military assistance package.

Mr. Mubarak has gone out of his way to reassure the United States, Israel and the rest of the world that Egyptian policies will continue on the course set by Mr. Sadat in the Camp David agreements.

Important Interview Mr. Mubarak, in a symbolic gesture to underscore his commitment to the peace process, granted his first interview as president-designate to a Jerusalem newspaper, Ma'ariv, putting the Israeli request ahead of hundreds of others, both Egyptian and foreign.

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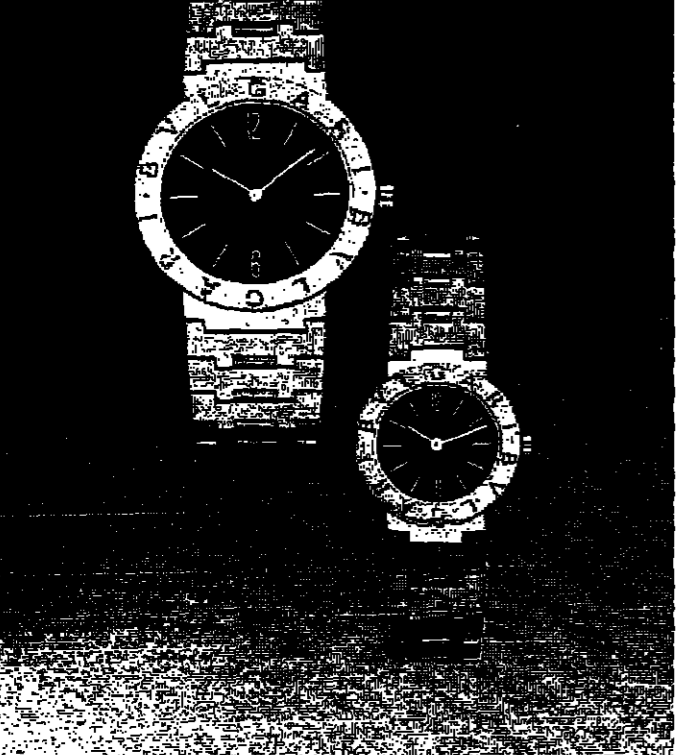
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Advertisement for 'BODY FITNESS AND BETTER HEALTH WITH PORTUGUESE OYSTER POWDER'. It describes the product as a natural dietary product and provides contact information for LABORATORIES I.T.C. at 117 Avenue Emile-Zola, 75013 PARIS, France.

Advertisement for 'HARRY'S N.Y. BAR'. It lists the address as 5 Rue Douai, PARIS, and provides contact information for the bar.

Advertisement for 'Franc Smuggler Caught'. It reports that a French customs patrol caught a young Italian Wednesday night trying to enter Switzerland illegally with 2,970 French francs.

10th Senator Backs AWACS, But Reagan Still Far Behind

WASHINGTON — Sen. Thad Cochran, after a 15-minute meeting Friday with President Reagan, became the 10th senator in the past week to declare support for the proposed sale of sophisticated radar planes to Saudi Arabia, but a White House aide said, "We're still clearly behind."

The president has intensified his lobbying effort for the \$8.5-billion arms package, including Airborne Warning and Control Systems (AWACS) planes, since the assassination Tuesday of President Anwar Sadat of Egypt.

Two of those who have announced their support — Orrin G. Hatch, Republican of Utah, and Alan K. Simpson, a Wyoming Republican — are defectors from a group of 50 senators who had announced their intention to vote against the deal. Seven, including Republicans Nancy L. Kassebaum of Kansas and Don Nickles of Oklahoma, who on Thursday de-

clared their support for the president, had been expected to vote for the sale.

At the White House on Friday, Sen. Cochran, a Mississippi Republican, told reporters he had previously been undecided on the sale, but had come to the conclusion that it "serves our national interests" and would aid U.S.-backed peace initiatives in the Middle East. He also said some Senate foes of the deal "are reassessing and re-evaluating the situation."

'Tide Is Turning'

A White House aide conceded privately Friday, "We're still clearly behind." But presidential spokesman Larry Speakes said, "We think the tide is turning our way...."

The House Foreign Affairs Committee voted, 28-8, against the sale Wednesday. The first Senate test comes late next week in the Foreign Relations Committee.

Despite the hard-sell tactics of White House lobbyists, congressional sources seem to agree that, as of now, at least 55 senators are firmly opposed or leaning strongly against the sale, while the administration's support numbers between 30 and 40.

A count by The Associated Press showed 57 senators against the sale Friday and 31 in favor. United Press International said it found 52 opposed, 31 in favor and 17 undecided or uncommitted. Congress began a weeklong recess Thursday.

The Saudi deal will be blocked if both houses of Congress vote against it before the end of the month. The administration concedes it has no chance of prevailing in the Democratic House, and it has staked its hopes on turning the numbers around in the presumably more sympathetic Republican Senate.

Main Arguments

At present, the main thrust of administration strategy is to cite the death of Mr. Sadat — the United States' closest friend in the Arab world — as evidence of the need to cultivate the cooperation of other moderate Mideast regimes such as Saudi Arabia's and to appeal to Republican senators to show their loyalty to Mr. Reagan as he confronts his first major foreign policy test.

Opponents of the sale point out the exception for Sen. Hatch and Sen. Simpson, the combination of pressure and pleas by the administration has shown no results. Instead, these opponents note, the White House has been forced to try to bring the maximum publicity out of the public declarations of support from senators whose sympathy for the administration position never was in doubt.

Reagan strategists reply that their new campaign, launched Wednesday when the president met with 43 Republican senators at the White House, is not meant to produce any dramatic, overnight swing toward the president. These sources describe their efforts as a gradual process that they hope will build a pro-administration majority by Oct. 20, when the sale is tentatively expected to face a vote by the full Senate.

Coupled with calls for party loyalty, the administration continues to seek a compromise that would satisfy the concerns of many senators about what they see as the lack of safeguards against misuse of the AWACS planes. These concerns involve fears that the equipment might be used against Israel or fall into the hands of U.S. foes.



SON IS THREATENED — Anthony McCain holds his 3-month-old son at knife point in New York City. He was said to have taken the child after having assaulted his common-law wife. "I'm taking the baby and nobody's going to stop me," he told the police. But a neighbor managed to rescue the child, and the father was arrested and held for psychiatric observation.

U.S. Air Force Chief Surprised by MX Plan

By Martin Schram and George C. Wilson
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — President Reagan's plan to install MX missiles in Air Force Titan missile silos came as a surprise to Air Force Secretary Verne Orr, who did not learn of the decision until 10 minutes after the press had been informed of it, a spokesman for the secretary has confirmed.

Four weeks ago, Mr. Orr had assured members of the Arkansas congressional delegation that the administration had no intention of using any of the Titan silos to base the MX, according to Sen. David H. Fryor, Democrat of Arkansas, who attended the meeting.

Seventeen Titans are employed at the Little Rock Air Force Base in Arkansas.

A spokesman for Mr. Orr said it was not until defense officials were 10 minutes into their briefing for reporters at the Pentagon last Friday that a classified package containing details of Mr. Reagan's decision arrived at Mr. Orr's desk by special messenger.

Benjamin Welles, in response to news stories quoting a Pentagon executive as saying there was no firm plan to use Titan silos, read a statement saying:

"Defense Department officials have not been quoted as saying that we have not committed to deploying any specific numbers in any specific silos, and that is correct. However, this should not be interpreted as waffling on the decision. The president has announced his decision on silo deployment, and we are filling in the details."

Hearings Held

The first week of congressional hearings on Mr. Reagan's strategic blueprint showed that his recommendation to rebuild Titan silos to accommodate the first group of MX missiles — Pentagon officials estimated last week that 36 MXs will be put in Titan holes — is the most controversial feature. Lawmakers expressed doubts that hardening of the silos with steel and concrete would reduce MX vulnerability to Soviet warheads.

On Thursday, Chairman Joseph P. Addabbo, Democrat of New York, of the Defense Appropriations subcommittee stepped up his attack on another part of the Reagan plan: the recommendation to produce 100 B-1 bombers while developing the more advanced Stealth aircraft, whose technology would help enable the plane to evade radar.

"I am absolutely convinced that the B-1 should stay buried, and that resurrecting it will deprive the United States of the timely introduction of the new technology Stealth bomber," Rep. Addabbo said in a statement released by his office. "There simply is not enough money to do both."

Reagan Approves the Construction Of New Radio Link to Submarines

By Richard Halloran
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department announced Thursday that President Reagan had approved the construction of an advanced communications system to transmit orders to nuclear-armed submarines at sea.

The new system, known as ELF for extremely low frequency, is part of the president's comprehensive program to revitalize the nation's strategic deterrent even though the plan was disclosed separately from the president's program made public last Friday.

Refurbishing the communications network through which the president controls missiles, bombers and submarines launched missiles takes a high priority in the new plan, officials said, although most of the attention so far has been directed to the MX intercontinental missile and the B-1 long range bomber.

The program calls for the construction of a new transmitter with a 56-mile antenna strung above ground near Sawyer Air Force Base in the upper peninsula of Michigan and for enlarging a second transmitter near Clam Lake, Wis. The 28-mile buried antenna, which is part of a research facility there, will be used as is.

The Defense Department said that part of the ELF system, which will cost \$230 million, will go into operation this month as the research facilities are converted while the entire system would be ready by 1985.

Environmentalists have opposed the ELF program, contending that it would emit harmful radiation and tear up large tracts of the countryside.

Sen. Carl Levin, Democrat of Michigan, a member of the Armed Services Committee, said he would "try to block the wasteful expenditure of public funds for Project ELF and to do my utmost to see that more promising alternatives are given proper consideration."

"ELF is an outmoded and ineffective scheme," Sen. Levin said in a statement. "It's signals can only reach submarines moving at restricted speeds and in certain directions." He said that it did not meet "the need for a high-speed communication system that can survive a nuclear attack."

U.S. Navy Arrests 3 In \$1-Million Theft

The Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. — Three chief petty officers have been arrested and about \$1 million worth of stolen government equipment recovered in thefts from two Norfolk facilities, the FBI and the Naval Investigative Service said Thursday.

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Refugees Arrive in Japan

Reuters

YOKOHAMA, Japan — Seventy-three Vietnamese refugees, rescued by the Norwegian ship *Laurita* in the South China sea last week, arrived in Yokohama Friday for a temporary stay in Japan, immigration officials said.

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Ireland, With North in Mind, Would Curb Church's Role

By William Borders
New York Times Service

DUBLIN — In an attempt to make the Irish Republic more appealing to Northern Ireland's Protestants, the government here is considering steps to lessen the official status of the Roman Catholic Church.

"If I were a northern Protestant, I cannot see how I could be attracted to getting involved in a state which in itself is sectarian," Premier Garret FitzGerald said recently.

Mr. FitzGerald has ordered a new study of possible changes in areas in which Catholic dogma has influenced the state — the constitutional ban on divorce, for example.

"The fact is that our laws and our constitution, our practice, our attitudes reflect those of a majority ethos, and are not acceptable to Protestants in Northern Ireland," said the premier, a soft-spoken intellectual elected last June.

As part of the same effort at reconciliation, he proposed the repeal of the section of the constitution that claims sovereignty over the whole island of Ireland. The reason is not any lack of enthusiasm about reunification, but rather a conviction that the constitutional claim represents a threatening posture toward northerners, rather than a welcoming one.

Predictably, the beginning of what Mr. FitzGerald has called a "crusade" against sectarianism has set off outrage among politicians, although the church has generally been silent. Former Premier Charles Haughey, leader of the opposition in parliament, called the premier's remarks a "hysterical outburst," and added:

"I regard it as a serious undermining of our national policy — the equivalent of sabotage of our national policy of unity — to attack the constitution in the way that Dr. FitzGerald has done."

The population of the Irish Republic is 94 percent Catholic. If heavily Protestant Northern Ire-

land became part of the country, however, Catholics would make up only 73 percent of the population.

The influence of the Roman Catholic Church is everywhere. With a ban on the dissolution of marriage, the government has adopted an even stricter position than that of the church, which grants annulments. Some Irish people who have married again with the blessing of the church are technically regarded as bigamists under Irish law and their children are illegitimate.

Contraception is strictly limited. Playboy magazine cannot be sold here. The state-owned television and radio networks broadcast the *Angelus*, the Catholic devotion, every evening at 6.

Mr. FitzGerald is both a staunch republican and a devout Catholic. But he argued in a recent radio interview that the pervasive religious atmosphere here helps to keep the country divided, contributing to what he called "a partitionist attitude."

The British initially partitioned the country 60 years ago, the premier said, but partition is now reinforced by Irish laws "imbued by the ethos of the majority."

Visits North

The premier, whose mother was a Protestant from Belfast, has frequently said that one of the major reasons for his decision to enter politics in the first place was a desire "to work for the resolution of the conflict between my father's and my mother's peoples."

Unlike most politicians on this side of the border, he is a frequent visitor to the north, where he has many relatives, and he professes to understand northern attitudes better than some of his rivals.

He says northerners would be less frightened of reunification "if we could create a state down here which they could accept, and they could find the civil and religious liberties in which they believe."

Jogging Study Links Darkness And Accidents

Los Angeles Times Service

WASHINGTON — Motor vehicles killed at least 30 joggers throughout the United States in the year that ended Aug. 15, 1979, a Public Health Service publication says.

Of the 30 fatalities and 35 injuries caused by vehicles, more than half occurred after dark, according to the study in the current issue of *Public Health Reports*. Several of the joggers were wearing dark clothing and "none wore reflective materials," the report said. Most of the victims were running with the flow of traffic.

"Only a tiny fraction of all joggers are killed or injured; they represent an extremely small proportion of the more than 8,000 pedestrians killed and tens of thousands injured every year," said the report, which was based on newspaper clippings and police reports.

Czech Court Cuts Dissident's Term

The Associated Press

VIENNA — A Prague appeals court has cut two years off the seven-and-one-half-year sentence given Rudolf Battak, a leading Czechoslovak human rights activist sentenced July 28 on charges of taking part in subversive activities, emigrant sources reported.

The sources said the Thursday's reduction may have been prompted by protests in the West over the conviction of Mr. Battak, 57. He was a member of Parliament during the short-lived Prague Spring liberalization, which was ended by a Soviet-led invasion in August, 1968.

They said a principal element in the case was Mr. Battak's activity as a member of the Committee for the Unjustly Prosecuted within the Charter 77 rights movement.

Tremor in E. Germany Believed Due to Meteor

The Associated Press

BERLIN — Scientists in West Berlin say a mysterious earth tremor or north of the city a week ago was likely caused by the fall of a meteor.

Two seismic stations in West Berlin reported a shock of 3.5 on the open-ended Richter scale early Oct. 2 from north of the city. Witnesses said they saw a flash of light from East German territory north of Berlin.

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In Wodehouse's Never-Never Land

by Jean Rafferty

LONDON — "There are only two kinds of Wodehouse readers," says the critic Richard Osborne, "those who adore him and those who have never read him."

Ranks of the second group are expected to diminish considerably starting Thursday, the beginning of centennial celebrations of P.G. Wodehouse (pronounced Woodhouse), the British-born humorist, creator of a timeless world of strong-minded girls and soupy ones, upper-class cads, twins and knights errant, plump nannies, dragon aunts, eccentric pears and resourceful butlers — "a sort of musical comedy without the music" in the author's words.

Wodehouse's most successful creations — Bertie Wooster, the ultimate innocent whose pure heart inevitably causes calamity, and Jeeves, the gentleman's gentleman with never-fail solutions to all the young master's problems — have been amusing millions since 1917. Here, in Wodehouse's words, is their relationship:

"I trotted to the Right Hon. I even went so far as to pat him on the back. It was like slapping a wet sponge.

"All is well," I said. 'Jeeves is coming.'

"What can he do?"

"I trotted a trifle. The man's tone had been peevish, and I didn't like it.

"That," I replied with a touch of stiffness, "we cannot say until we see him in action. He may pursue one course, or he may pursue another. But on one thing you can rely with the utmost confidence — Jeeves will find a way. See, here he comes stealing through the undergrowth, his face shining with the light of pure intelligence. There are no limits to Jeeves' brain power. He virtually lives on fish."

Following on their heels in popularity would be the vague Lord Emsworth, whose passion for his prize pig, the Empress of Blandings, meant he was most likely to be found "hanging like a wet sock" over the side of her sty in the grounds of Blandings Castle, listening to her breathe. ("His IQ is about 30 points lower than a not too agile jellyfish," Wodehouse wrote of Lord Emsworth. "Capital chap, though.")

"Whenever and wherever the action takes place, his world is Edwardian England," noted a Wodehouse biographer, Herbert Warren Wind. "The pace of that world is slow... a never-never land, so innocent, sun-drenched and quaint."

In the world of Wodehouse, happy endings are guaranteed, even for the dreaded aunts. ("His aunt still affected him as of old. That is to say she made him feel as if he had omitted to shave and, in addition to that, had swallowed some drug which had caused him to swell unpleasantly, particularly about the hands and feet.") Bedroom scenes mean people hiding in cupboards or trapped atop them by snoring Scotchies, domestic drama involves searches for policemen's helmets or discussions of the best way to boobytrap a hot water

bottle. Relationships between the sexes are no worse than chummy. ("Honoria Glossop was one of those large, strenuous, dynamic girls with the physique of a middleweight catch-as-catch-can wrestler and a laugh resembling the sound of the Scottish Express going under a bridge. The effect she had on me was to make me slide into a cellar and lie low till they blew the All Clear.")

There are no messages in the way of the laughs. With sales of his books estimated between 20 and 30 million, Wodehouse is the most widely read humorist since Mark Twain, praised by such diverse talents as Rudyard Kipling, Agatha Christie, Ogden Nash and Terence Rattigan.

So Wodehouse admirers will joyfully mark the centennial of the author's birth, an event he missed himself by only six years. His widow, the 97-year-old Lady Wodehouse, plans to be in New York on Thursday night, when the Pierpont Morgan Library will, if not exactly rock, certainly perk up to Edward Duke's one-man Wodehouse show. This will open a three-month exposition of Wodehouse memorabilia organized by a Morgan trustee and Wodehouse fan, Jimmy Heineman.

Among the rare books and etchings of the library's permanent collection will be about 500 objects associated with the author, from his birth certificate through manuscripts, letters, photographs, sheet music, movie posters and scripts. The highlight of the show will be a specially commissioned oil portrait of the "Empress of Blandings" (fulfilling at long last Lord Emsworth's oft-frustrated wish) accompanied by a letter from the pig-loving Archbishop of Canterbury, Robert Runcie. Wodehouse is the first humorist to be honored by the Morgan Library since Gilbert and Sullivan. "It is official recognition of him as a master of the English language and a great stylist," says Heineman.

In England, Wodehouse's step-granddaughter, Mrs. Simon Hornby, will unveil a plaque at his birthplace in Guildford, Surrey, and his old school, Dulwich College in southeast London, will open a P.G. Wodehouse Library on the school grounds. On Dec. 11, the students will offer their own tribute with a production of the musical "Jeeves" by Alan Ayckbourn and Andrew Lloyd Webber.

Pelham Grenville Wodehouse, known to his family and friends as "Plum" (Pelham said very quickly with an English accent), was born in Guildford on Oct. 15, 1881. He died Feb. 14, 1975, aged 93 in Reimsburg, Long Island, where he had made his fulltime home since 1959 with his wife of 61 years, the former Ethel Newton Rowley. Death came six weeks after he was knighted in Queen Elizabeth's New Year's Honors List, bringing a tardy, yet nonetheless happy, end to more than 30 years' alienation from Britain.

With him in the hospital at the end were the first 16 chapters of his final book, "Sunset at Blandings." He wrote more than 90 books — comic novels, collections of short stories and autobiography — and almost 1,000 articles,



P.G. Wodehouse, the creator of Bertie Wooster and Jeeves, among others.

collaborated on 18 plays and composed lyrics or book for 33 London and Broadway musicals with the likes of Jerome Kern, Ira Gelsbach, Cole Porter and Oscar Hammerstein. His most-familiar lyrics were for the song "Bill" from "Show Boat."

At one time he wrote under five pseudonyms for Vanity Fair to keep the magazine from looking like a one-man effort. His writings were polished to a gleam that had Hilaire Belloc calling him, "the best writer of English now alive — the head of my profession" as early as 1934.

His first book appeared in 1902, after he resigned as a trainee at London's Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. Though a sociable man, Wodehouse often lived the life of a semi-recluse when he was working. His routine is best described by his step-grandson, barrister Edward Cazalet who, as a boy, spent two or three weeks a year with him. "He started the morning by doing his 'daily dozen' exercises and was probably the only man in his 90s to still touch his toes. Then he would breakfast alone and work from 9 until 12."

Lunchtime brought the daily martini, then after lunch a long walk, then back to his desk for two to three more hours of writing. After dinner Wodehouse would settle down to read. "He was enormously well-read," says Cazalet. "He enjoyed mystery stories and loved Agatha Christie for her plots. They had a long correspondence. And he was an expert on Shakespeare."

Wodehouse adored writing. He wrote every day for 70 years, and when not actually engaged in the process was taking long walks to think about what he would write when he got

**La Pyramide:
A Monument
In Name Only**

by Patricia Wells

VIENNE, France — Several weeks ago, while dining at the newest Michelin three-star, La Mère Blanc in Vonnas, we decided to pay a visit to the oldest, La Pyramide in Vienne. This landmark restaurant of the late Fernand Point, one of the most inspired and inspiring chefs of the century, is just 20 miles south of Lyons, in a rambling, well-appointed home surrounded by giant trunks of red geraniums and a garden of tall, pink roses. For the past half-century, this kitchen and dining room have set the tone and standard by which so many fine French meals are judged.

In recent years, La Pyramide has endured an endless barrage of criticism from diners, yet out of respect for the man who gave so much to contemporary dining, the restaurant has not been stripped of its stars. One does not come to La Pyramide demanding, or even anticipating, invention, but in hopes of understanding the roots, seeing where the seeds of the present were planted so many years ago.

One comes to understand who it was and what it was that inspired so many contemporary French chefs, especially such Point students as Paul Bocuse, François Bise, Jean Troisgros and Louis Outhier.

We approached the experience with positive anticipation, expecting a safe and solid meal, understanding that the restaurant itself has been intentionally retained as a living culinary museum by Point's indefatigable wife, Made, now in her 80s.

All that one asks is that Point's main tenets be respected: The dominant flavors should be those of fresh and perfect ingredients. Every morning, Point said, the kitchen must begin again from zero, with nothing on the stove. He described success as "the sum of a lot of small things correctly done." We could not have been more disappointed.

The meal was neither fresh nor modern, the dining room carried the weight of fatigue, and there was not a hint of the genius of Point. Dining at La Pyramide today is like listening to an aging pianist who has, quite unknowingly, practiced mistakes into his playing. Madame Point still directs the show, and chef Guy Thirard has held court in the kitchen for nearly 20 years, but one senses that no one in charge really cares any more.

Worst of all, if there is someone in charge who cares, he or she is not tasting what is put on the table.

How else could one account for a dish that

consisted of a pathetic-looking pigeon, sweetbreads and tiny wild mushrooms, all saturated with the taste of bleach? Yes, chlorine bleach. If someone was paying attention to the "small things," we would not have been presented with a fine-looking, fresh coulis of raspberries that was totally moldy and absolutely inedible.

For the sake of history, one can put up with cigarette holes in the tablecloths, slow and plodding service, even waiters who tell you, at 9 on a Friday evening, that you are much too late to order one of Point's much-copied specialties, *poularde de Bresse truffée en vessie*, or chicken cooked in pig's bladder. But what is one to think of sauces that taste of bleach and mold?

A third disaster, not the fault of the restaurant, came earlier in the meal.

After the required ritualistic selection of the wines, from a list held at arm's length in front of you by sommelier Louis Thomasi, a 1975 Margaux, Château Cantenc-Brown, was selected. The bottle was uncorked, and set in a wicker cradle. By chance, the cork was examined, and did not match up with the label on the bottle. The bottle was labeled 1975, the cork read 1976.

The sommelier was summoned, he registered alarm, sampled the wine and set off for the cave. Returning with another Cantenc-Brown labeled 1975, he uncorked it, sampled the contents, and before examining the cork (which read 1975) concluded that the two wines were indeed not the same.

Thomasi, who has been with La Pyramide since 1929, said he had never before witnessed such a confusion. An uncommon happening, for sure. But a lesson for all.

After all of this, it came as little surprise to find that the famous Point dessert, the multi-layered marjolaine chocolate cake, was neither good nor great. The chocolate cream tasted like a combination of cream cheese and cocoa, the traditional seven layers had been reduced to five. Sadly, now it is simply a poor imitation of the marjolaine served at the restaurant of one of Point's students, François Bise of L'Amberge du Père Bise in Talloires.

Restaurant de la Pyramide, 38200 Vienne; tel: (74) 53.01.96, offers a 250-franc (\$45) menu prestige and a 220-franc menu du jour. A la carte, a dinner, without wine, will cost about 240 francs. Credit cards: American Express, Diners Club. Closed Nov. 1 to Dec. 15; Monday evening and Tuesday.

Milan's Designers Discover the Leg

by Hebe Dorsey

MILAN — Miles of legs, color and more color, masses of crinkly blonde hair, strongly sashed hips, sexy sequined mailots on Ender Williams parades — Milan's spring collections were a joyful, triumphant hymn to summer, a carefree pagan song. In a city that usually floats in chic beige tones, the explosion of color (reinforced by the influential Giorgio Armani) was a radical and striking change that brought everything into bright focus.

The most vivid impression out of Milan is the talent impact, which gets stronger every season. Now, top Parisian designers such as Karl Lagerfeld and Claude Montana are also on the scene, with Montana designing the Complice collection while Lagerfeld is officially responsible for the Mario Valentino shoes — but officiously for much more.

Those collections were a turning point in that skirts and pants, as you and I know them, are finished and leg watching is sure to be a favorite spectator sport again. Shorts, bermudas, culottes and cropped pants, already in the streets, took a new, stronger dimension as each designer gave it his individual, highly polished finish. The excellence of Italian raw materials, including Fendi's snakeskins and Mario Valentino's flowered suedes, finished painting the lily.

Here and there, fashion became charming, storybook costumes. The parade was led by sailors, pirates and toy soldiers with a cross-current of Americana. In a Deep South atmosphere, complete with soul music, Gone-With-the-Wind belles in big, aproned gowns mixed with Huckleberry Finns, all in typical vests and cropped pants.

As usual, Armani came out Numero Uno even though he toned down his delivery by not holding a fashion show. His is still the strongest Italian signature, for he has put across the image of a young, modern yet elegant "Armani woman." You can tell an Armani just as you can tell a Saint Laurent and you see plenty of them in the streets these days.

In a breakthrough, Armani has gone for bright colors and looser shapes. Yet, the result — told in his own, personal and tightly sensitive color and fabric mixes — is pure and perfect Armani. As he explained, he needed both the change and the challenge. "I thought it was time for me to experiment because people kept saying that Armani was good for tailored blazers and muted colors, period. So I had to show everybody that I was capable of doing something else. I think a stylist must not lock himself up, he must innovate. Even if you must keep your style, you must change."

Change or no change, Armani has struck a series of winners, the most obvious one being his new, softly tailored jacket with loose floating back, trompe-l'oeil vests and rolled-up shirtsleeves, these carried into evening.

The other big winner of those collections was Gianfranco Ferré. With emotion verging on hysteria, he came into his own with the most applauded collection all week, ending the season on a high note. A designer who has been on the threshold of success for a couple of seasons, he is now way up there with the stars — and it couldn't happen to a nicer guy.

A former architect, Ferré brings a new, controlled and sophisticated couture dimension to



Fendi's Erich von Stroheim collar went on everything, including swimsuits.

Italian fashion. He also makes it all real for middle-aged women, for whom those kicky shorts and bloomers can be a bit much. Against the backdrop of a gray steel battleship, with his swimsuits displayed as flags, he paraded his high-waisted sailor theme, first in crisp navy and white then in silver sequins.

Gianni Versace's was also a bit collection as his undeniable charm came across in chiffon, ruffled minis and shawls combined with Art Deco tops. Versace can be credited with doing the prettiest evening look in Milan — a rare commodity in a city where they tend to understand sportswear, and only sportswear. Nothing big and ballroomy, you understand, but charming, mid-calf crepe de Chine dresses, their hips gathered as in a sarong and embroidered with primary-colored, Art Deco stripes and circles. His mailots, with short Art Deco silk wraps, are hot summer disco stuff.

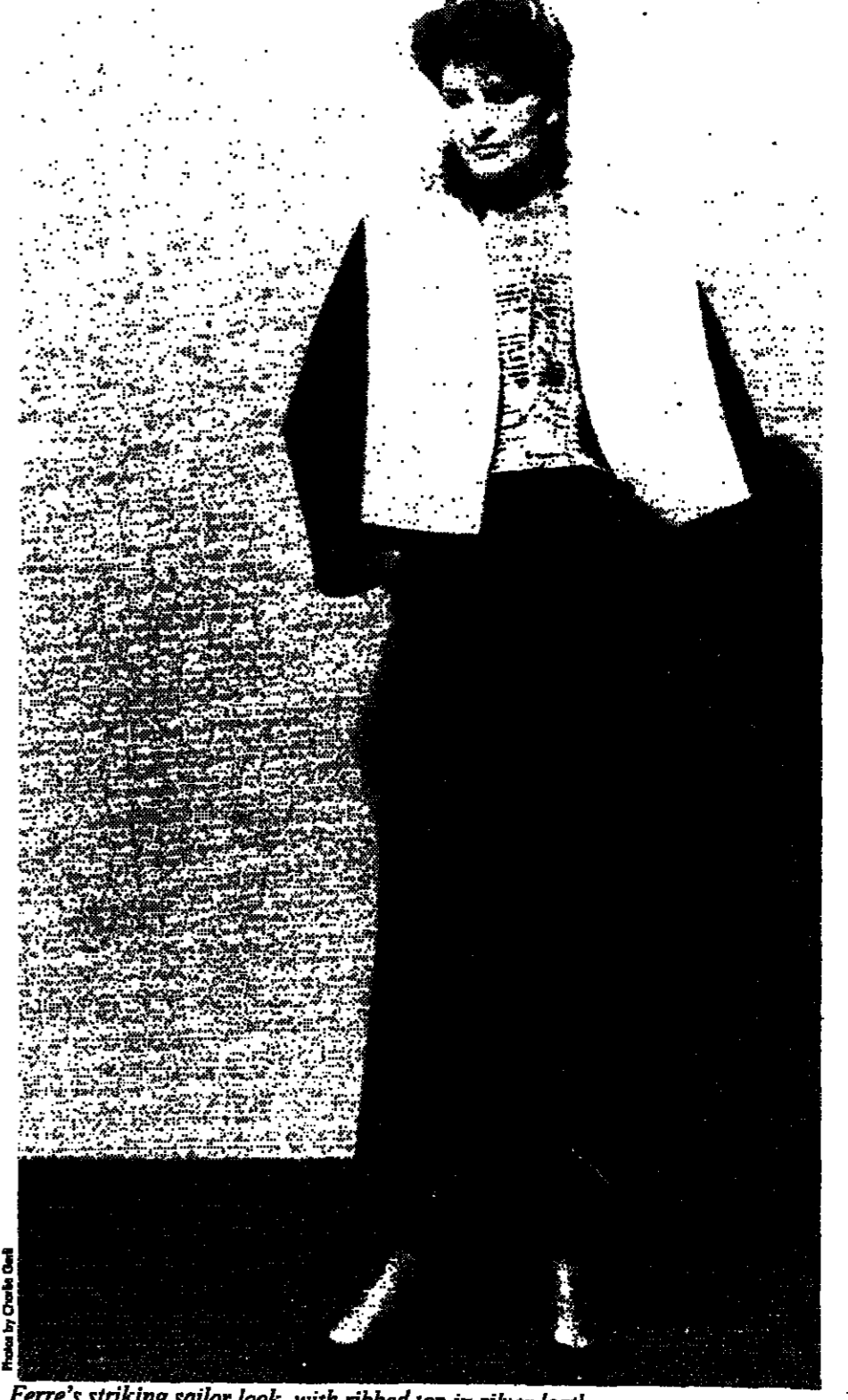
Versace's other great merit is to have translated somewhat casual, easy shapes such as sarongs, into something highly elegant, as if doing it all without trying. The most romantic of Italian designers, Versace has also signed the Genny collection, whose fluffy, layered white blouses are sure to win the heart (and the neckline) of the Princess of Wales, already a Versace fan.

At Fendi's, the story is that they are pushing leather and suede collections that are closely copied on the smashing fur ones, signed Lagerfeld. But the Fendi sense of fun, from stiff starched collars to sexy swimmers, ran all the way through a specially built, 35-tableau labyrinth, created by art director Nando Miglio.

Missoni has no problems as its wares are the very foundation of Italian fashion. Missoni's clothes are a way of life as well and its knits are on the shelves of fashion collectors. There is fresh talent in the family — all three children now help father Tai with textures and mother Rosita with styling. So the clothes have a younger ring, with plenty of those snappy shorts and culottes around.

Luciano Soprani and Laura Biagiotti are still junior names in the star-studded Italian sky but they are getting there too — and fast. Soprani, who designs his own collection plus the Basile one, is suffering a bit from last season's overexposure. In a way, the soft and romantic Basile collection came almost close to being better than the one under his own name. Biagiotti, whose commercial direction is getting stronger all the time with a new and cheaper, so-called Portrait line is on her favorite successful wavelength — designing for herself and other women who appreciate the comfort of loose shapes and smooth-to-the-skin linens and cashmires. Her cropped, widely striped, blue and white pajamas were reminiscent of Chanel's Deauville pants.

It is the year of the monkey for Krizia,



Ferré's striking sailor look, with ribbed top in silver leather.

whose designer Mariuccia Mandelli keeps turning out those funny animal sweaters. The last one was an elephant; this season's monkey comes in brown and beige cashmere as well as streaked with gold. But Mandelli, a big woman with incredible zest for life, also knows how to turn out gutsy shapes, such as the modern hourglass consisting of shirred black silk culottes and arched white shantung jacket, its sleeves outlined with black fins.



The new Armani: casual but elegant.



Montana's toy soldiers for Complice.

Krizia's flippant crinkled bloomers.

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AMSTERDAM, Concertgebouw (tel: 71.38.71) — Oct. 11: Maurizio Pollini...

TOYO, Bunka Kaikan

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Columbus, the Gem of the Ocean

by Anne Sinclair Mehdevi

FELANITX, Majorca — At the approach of Columbus Day, celebrated in Spain and South America as well as in the United States on Monday, a number of Majorcans became restive...

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both brothers turned up in Lisbon when they were very young, Bartholomew in his early teens.

Then there is the family name. Madariaga asserts that it was not Colombo, but Colón. It is true that Columbus often signed himself Colón, a name as common in Majorca as Jones is in Wales. (There are more than 160 Colóns in the Palma phone directory today.)

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Columbus in a portrait by Giovo.

the truth of the thing which you guessed is now clearly demonstrated. She is pregnant. According to Cerda, the child born of this union was Christopher Columbus. If this idea has any truth, Columbus was the nephew of the future king and queen of Spain, Ferdinand and Isabella.

The Prince of Viana's message does show a certain fond concern for Margarita. He previously had other children out of wedlock whom he willingly acknowledged; one daughter married a count of the Medina Celi family, one of the nobles in Spain. But there is no record of his having acknowledged Christopher. Prince Charles left Felanitx presumably before the birth and died in 1461 in Aragon; the queen, his stepmother, was suspected of poisoning him.

This Felanitx theory accounts for Columbus' regal manner and his inordinate pride; even, by stretching a point, for his superior education, especially in navigation and cartography. It explains why he was able to marry into the nobility of Portugal long before he had made his name by discovering America. It justifies his quest and a telling point — accounts for the fact that when he came to Spain 24 years later he was the guest for two years of the Count of Medina Celi, whose wife was an illegitimate child of the Prince of Viana. The count even considered financing Columbus' dream of sailing west.

Yet there are two holes in this marvelous theory: The first is the question of age. If Columbus was born here in 1460 he was certainly a child prodigy, marrying at 18 and dying "of old age" at 46. This chronology can possibly be defended because people in the 15th century matured and married early, aged rapidly and died young.

But the second hole is a gaping one. The Felanitx theory simply cannot explain away Columbus' two younger brothers, born after the Prince of Viana was dead, without besmirching the honor of Margarita Colón. No other father, in or out of wedlock, has even been mentioned.

Each of these theories — the Genoese one, Madariaga's Sephardic one and the Felanitx one — has its persuasive points and its inexplicable points. And so Christopher Columbus, also known as Cristoforo Colombo, also known as Cristobal Colón, also known as Cristobal Colón, has kept his secret.

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Insider's Outsider in the Wine Trade

by Jules B. Farber

AMSTERDAM — In 1979 the French Ordre Mondial des Gourmets Dégustateurs presented its prize for the best wine book of the year, "Grands Bordeaux Rouges," to a Monsieur Hubrecht Duijker. When he began to voice his gratitude, the jury heard his accent and silenced him, he remembers. He was ordered to put his acceptance speech back in his pocket as outrage prevailed on stage.



Hubrecht Duijker, Dutch wine writer.

"They use clear language, often tongue-in-cheek. The French and Dutch are too bombastic in their seriousness and far from reality." Duijker was working in advertising at the time. "I wasn't a writer," he recalls, "and put my notes and pictures aside. But I was bitten by the possibilities and approached a small wine magazine. I gave them my information and ideas but refused to write until the publisher confronted me with blank pages and ordered them filled. I was forced to learn the trade."

As he grew more comfortable with his subject, he offered a wine column to Het Parool, Amsterdam's largest daily newspaper, that became the first in the Netherlands. He went on to contribute to Financier Dagblad, the national financial daily, and to the hotel trade press. "I had become a *wijn*schrijver, a wine writer," he remembers. "Until then the word and profession did not exist here."

Duijker then spent three years going from publisher to publisher outlining his concept for a book on the best wines of Bordeaux. In 1974 Spectrum showed interest and a dummy taken to Frankfurt was bought by American and English publishers. Duijker went to Bordeaux to research the book in 1975. Favorable reviews in the United States, Britain, the Netherlands and Belgium led to a German edition a year later.

"But it took four years before a French publisher would risk a Dutchman's book on French wine," says Duijker. "He Frenchified my name and kept my background on the book jacket very vague. Until I won the *prix littéraire* from that exalted jury, I was his state secret."

Hottest Ticket in Hong Kong

by Harry Rohnick

HONG KONG — Hong Kong tacitly admits it has surrendered to the Sixth Asian Arts Festival, beginning Thursday with a record gathering of musicians, dancers and artists from more than a dozen countries of Asia and the Pacific. Because tickets for almost all indoor performances are quickly gone, visitors are being told that the festival is primarily for Hong Kong residents.

Play — are new this year, but the festival includes some old favorites: a Thai classical dance troupe (which will also offer Thai boxing) and the Ballet Philippines (another hybrid, with modern choreography for a pop ballet based on the Ramayana).

Rather than continue in the "traditional" way, they have transformed the sounds of their instruments.

The Hong Kong contingent consists of Chinese chamber music groups, a contemporary ballet troupe, the Chinese Orchestra, the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra and a Repertory Theatre production taken from a popular novel. Twenty-six local groups will also be in the parks, offering acrobatics, operetta, "Chiu Chow opera" (perhaps the noisiest in the world), children's choirs, a glove puppet expert from south China who has 200 different puppets, and an all-harmonica band playing Chinese and Western music.

The Sixth Festival of Asian Arts will be held Oct. 15-31. Forty-eight performances are scheduled at City Hall, 16 at the Space Museum and 11 at Queen Elizabeth Stadium, with 80 shows at parks. For more information, contact Urban Council Senior Information Officer, 5th Floor, City Hall High Block, Central Hong Kong. For ticket information, telephone 5-22928 or 5-229511. For other information telephone 5-261584.

BUSINESS NEWS BRIEFS

CSR, Mitsui Start Study on Victoria Coal Plant

SYDNEY — The first stage of the CSR-Mitsui group study on the feasibility of building a \$1.5-billion brown coal liquefaction plant in Victoria's Latrobe Valley has begun, CSR said Friday.

Nippon Steel to Work on U.S. Steel Corp. Plant

TOKYO — Nippon Steel has signed a contract to help build a Japanese-developed continuous annealing processing plant at U.S. Steel's works in Gary, Ind., at an undisclosed cost, Nippon said Friday.

GE, Pratt Said to Discuss Japan-Rolls Project

LONDON — General Electric and Pratt & Whitney have separately approached the Anglo-Japanese consortium of Rolls-Royce and Japan Aero Engines with proposals to join the consortium's jet engine development project for new 150-seater aircraft, industry sources said Friday.

Britain Called Likely Site for Toshiba Factory

TOKYO — Britain is emerging as a likely site for a semiconductor and integrated circuit factory planned by Toshiba, industry sources in Tokyo said Friday.

U.S. Steel Seeking Import Action

By Clyde H. Farnsworth
WASHINGTON — U.S. Steel, signaling the end of a three-year campaign, has today filed a petition with the Commerce Department asking for an anti-dumping complaint in 1977.

Romania Leaves Contracts Unpaid, Bankers Assert

ZURICH — Romania recently failed to fulfill some forward foreign exchange contracts, banking sources here said Friday.

Expected U.S. Defense Profits Bright in Theory, Uncertain in Reality

By Thomas L. Friedman
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — On paper, President Reagan's proposal to spend \$180 billion to revitalize the nation's strategic nuclear deterrent should provide a torrent of profits for thousands of military contractors and subcontractors over the next six years.

clear arms, and fears that excessive military spending is throwing the budget and the economy out of kilter.

Giants, Local Suppliers

The president's proposals call for about \$180.3 billion in spending on a six-year strategic military buildup, which analysts say could eventually rain down orders on as many as 100,000 companies, from the aerospace giants to local suppliers of bearings and bolts.

There are more than a few other reasons for pause. A senior civilian Defense Department analyst said one of the primary concerns of the military contractors is that the Defense Department may have grossly underestimated the rate of inflation from 1983 to 1986.

Another factor pushing up prices and restraining output, said Morton Langer, military specialist with Bear, Stearns, is the shortage of capacity. Some 100,000 companies perform subcontract work.

Rate of Inflation

When cost overruns mount, the analyst noted, the traditional Pentagon approach is to slow production rates or to cut spending for non-nuclear conventional weapons systems, or both. Thus, companies that

may be benefiting from the Reagan strategic military program could lose business in conventional weaponry.

When defense production fell after the Vietnam War, many companies reduced their dependence on military business, which led to a deterioration of the underlying industrial base.

Following is a survey of the leading companies expected to benefit if Congress (Continued on Page 12, Col. 7)

Wholesale Price Rise At 2-Year Low in U.S.

WASHINGTON — U.S. wholesale prices rose 0.2 percent in September, the smallest monthly increase in more than two years, for a 2.2 percent annual inflation rate, the Labor Department said Friday.

The figures, which show the prices paid by wholesalers for finished goods, are seasonally adjusted to take into account price movements, discounts and marketing cycles.

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Sears Will Buy Dean Witter

By Tom Redburn

LOS ANGELES — Sears, Roebuck, the largest U.S. retailer, has leaped into yet another financial business, agreeing to buy the brokerage firm of Dean Witter Reynolds for \$607 million.

The San Francisco-based Dean Witter Reynolds Organization, which commands the second largest army of stockbrokers in the United States, will become a separate subsidiary of Sears, continuing to operate under the same name and management.

Sears operates 854 retail stores nationwide. Dean Witter operates 330 offices around the world, employing about 4,400 brokers to handle about 1 million accounts. Only Merrill Lynch, with more than 8,000 brokers, has a larger sales force.

Stock Prices Slip in N.Y.; Fed Cuts Surcharge to 2%

From Agency Dispatches

NEW YORK — Prices on the New York Stock Exchange closed lower Friday in moderate trading as profit-taking wiped out some of gains of the previous two sessions.

Friday afternoon was slightly better than expected but had no effect on trading, analysts said.

Analysts had predicted the Dow industrial average would run into resistance at the 880 level, and the technicians were right most of the day. Prior to Friday, the Dow had climbed 54.13 points since hitting a 16-month low on Sept. 25.

The department said natural gas prices rose considerably more last month than in August and gasoline prices continued to fall, but at a smaller rate than in the previous four months. Heating oil prices edged down 0.1 percent in September, significantly less than previous monthly decreases.

Wriston Predicts 10% Prime by End of '82



Walter Wriston

HOT SPRINGS, Va. — The U.S. prime rate could be halved by the end of next year, two prominent U.S. business leaders predict, contradicting a forecast Friday by major U.S. corporations' economists of only a slight decline in corporate borrowing costs.

Walter Wriston, chairman of Citicorp, the nation's largest bank holding company, and Reginald Jones, former chairman of General Electric, said they believe the prime could fall to 9 or 10 percent by the end of 1982.

The prime, upon which banks calculate interest charges for short-term business loans to their best-risk customers, now ranges from 18.5 to 19 percent.

There already have been some sharp declines in recent months. "In the view that when it [the trend] turns, rates will fall a good deal faster," Mr. Wriston said.

Mr. Jones said a combination of slackened economic activity, a continued decline in the inflation rate and the "hard landing" will push interest rates sharply lower.

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NYSE Nationwide Trading Closing Prices Oct. 9

Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street.

Table of NYSE Nationwide Trading Closing Prices for Oct. 9, listing various stocks and their prices.

Dollar: Poles' (Unofficial) National Currency

By Paul Lewis

WARSAW — At the best Warsaw restaurants, the sort that foreigners frequent, the check always arrives covered by a snowy napkin. A good meal of sour herring, roast venison, apple strudel and Hungarian red wine costs about 1,000 zlotys, or \$30, at the official rate of 34 zlotys to the dollar.

government organization aptly called the Enterprise for Internal Export and known commonly by its Polish acronym, Pewex (pronounced PEV-ek).

As shortages worsen and ration cards are cut, Poles without dollars are starting to show resentment at those who have them.

Each year, the Solidarity trade union persuaded the government to ban the sale in the Pewex stores of Polish-made goods in short supply.

Table of Toronto Stocks Closing Prices, Oct. 8, 1981.

Table of Montreal Stocks Closing Prices, Oct. 8, 1981.

Table of Canadian Indexes for Oct. 8, 1981.

Table of European Gold Markets for Oct. 9, 1981.

Special Bank Notes: The bank even prints special notes, denominated in dollars, for amounts as small as 20 cents that it issues to Poles when they withdraw money from a dollar account for use inside Poland.

U.S. Will Not Be Part Of 6th Tin Agreement: WASHINGTON — The United States will not join the sixth international tin agreement, the U.S. Trade Representative's office said Friday.

Hungary to Let Private Companies Develop: BUDAPEST — Recently announced legislation, slated to go into effect Jan. 1, will allow Hungarian citizens to form private companies with as many as 30 employees.

Tokyo Stock Sales Record: TOKYO — Foreign investors sold a record net 156.7 billion yen (about \$695 million) of Japanese stock last month through 12 major Japanese securities companies, the Tokyo Stock Exchange said Friday.

INTERNATIONAL INCOME FUND advertisement, providing details on investment options and contact information.

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Table of Selected Over-the-Counter Closing Prices, Oct. 9, 1981.

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Table of Non Banks, listing various non-bank financial institutions and their data.

U.S. Defense Profits Bright In Theory, Actually Unsure: (Continued from Page 11) approves all of the president's strategic military program.

AMEX Nationwide Trading Closing Prices Oct. 9

Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street.

Main table containing AMEX Nationwide Trading Closing Prices for various stocks and commodities, organized in multiple columns with columns for stock names, prices, and changes.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

Table of U.S. Commodity Prices including Chicago Futures, International Monetary Market, New York Futures, and various commodity indices and prices.

Next Fed Member May Take Volcker Post, Regan Says
Los Angeles Times Service
WASHINGTON — President Reagan will replace Frederick W. Schultz as vice chairman of the Federal Reserve Board next January with an appointee who may be tapped to succeed Fed Chairman Paul A. Volcker when his term as chairman expires in August, 1983, according to Treasury Secretary Donald T. Regan.

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Italy Plans New Steps To Save 'Last Supper'

ROME — The Italian government is planning new steps to save Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece 'The Last Supper' according to a government official.

"The 483-year-old fresco in Milan is suffering from a variety of ills. Cracks have opened in the refectory wall of Santa Maria delle Grazie, where it is painted, and a fungus is devouring its colors."

Sen. Piero Mazzuca, under-secretary for cultural works, told a Senate committee that the government will shore up the wall, attempt to preserve the colors and control the climate in the church.

Mary Blume Fighting the Costly Skies of Europe

LONDON — Nicholas Bethell had just bought a club class ticket for a flight to Brussels. Sometimes he buys his tickets from a London bucket shop, or discount airline ticket counter, but bucket shops are no good for London-Brussels, and his busy schedule prevents him from getting a bargain on the airlines.

"If I could stay in Brussels Saturday night I could have the ticket at half price," Lord Bethell said. The week before, Lord Bethell, who is a member of the European Parliament, had flown from London to Strasbourg. "I paid almost as much as for a ticket to Washington," he said.



Lord Bethell

The problem right now is financing the court case. "Specialists in Community law don't come cheap," Lord Bethell said. He is trying to raise £25,000. On a London-Brussels flight last summer, which was happily covered by the Times of London, Lord Bethell won state-missions of approval from fellow passengers.

"I seldom come across people who disagree with what I do, but there's a gap between arguing intellectually and giving them time and money." "Other parliamentarians say we would like to join you but our governments wouldn't like it. Many of them have trade union backing, which is a conservative influence, and more than a handful are consultants to the airline industry — Lufthansa, Air France, etc. And a few, I suppose, would be suspicious of what I am trying to achieve because they would detect in it a sinister British plot to corner the airline market, in which we have a good start. To which I say, 'If we have a Common Market or don't.'"

According to Lord Bethell, the Belgian national airline, Sabena, uses its high-priced London-Brussels fare to subsidize flights to Zaire, the former Belgian Congo, while Air France is notoriously self-protective at a high cost to French consumers.

PEOPLE: Carter Plans to Sue Post Over Eavesdrop Charge

Former President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn plan to sue The Washington Post for libel over a gossip column item charging that they had eavesdropped on some of Nancy Reagan's conversations during her pre-inaugural residence at Blair House, a lawyer for the Carters said.

A day after a warrant was issued for his arrest, British rock star Gary Numan appeared in court in London and was charged with possessing an offensive weapon — a baseball bat. A warrant for the 23-year-old millionaire was issued after he failed to show up in Utrecht bridge court in northwest London. His lawyer, Mark Craun, said Numan did not keep the original court date because his lawyers requested a delay in the case and they thought "it was not necessary for him to appear."

Isabel Lanza, chosen as a Penthouse Pet, thought she could get \$17 million from the magazine for "commercial exploitation" of her.

Instead, the 39-year-old Italian model was fined \$67,767 for "maliciously refusing to give the magazine's cover for the month of February of the Year in 1980. Lanza sued Penthouse after she renounced \$300,000 in prizes before more than 1,400 persons at a gala Lincoln Center award dinner in September, 1980. She said Penthouse officials failed to tell her she had been chosen Pet of the Year and that she was tricked into coming to the dinner. Lanza charged that the magazine was guilty of invasion of privacy, fraud and commercial exploitation.

Two Arizona businessmen filed early Friday from Costa Mesa, Calif., in a 10-story-high helium-filled balloon dubbed "Supershick" in IIP for what they hoped would be a 50-hour flight to the East Coast. John S. Galloway, 37, and George W. 40, lifted off from Orange Coast College with two chase planes nearby to monitor the planned coast-to-coast journey. They expected to be carried by the jetstream along a southerly route across the country. "We don't care where we land as long as it's on the East Coast," said Lori Edris, operations director for the flight. The balloon is expected to travel at altitudes between 17,000 and 30,000 feet and at speeds of about 70 miles an hour. "This will be Shogcraft's third attempt to cross the country in a helium-filled balloon. Both previous flights ended before the craft reached the East Coast."

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